<u>REMARKS</u>

Fifty claims were originally filed in the present Application. Claims 1-50 are subject to a restriction requirement. Accordingly, claims 22-26 and 34-50 are elected, and claims 1-21 and 27-33 are withdraw herein. In addition, claims 43 and 46 are amended herein. Reconsideration of the Application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Election/Restriction

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that "[r]estriction to one of the following inventions is required" The Examiner then indicates a Group I that comprises claims 1-21 and 27-33 drawn to a "radiation shielding device". The Examiner further specifies a Group II that comprises claims 22-26 and 34-50 drawn to a method of "making the package". Applicant therefore elects Group II comprising claims 22-26 and 34-50, and herein withdraws claims 1-21 and 27-33 of non-elected Group I.

The Examiner also states that "Applicant is required . . . to elect a single disclosed species . . . and a listing of all claims readable thereon" Applicant therefore elects the Examiner's defined Species I (corresponding to Figures 1 and 2). Applicant submits that claims 22-26 and 34-50 are readable upon the elected Species I. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the foregoing amendments and remarks satisfy the Examiner's restriction requirement.

Applicant therefore requests the Examiner to consider the elected claims so that the present Application may issue in a timely manner.

Summary

The Applicant submits that the foregoing amendments and remarks satisfy the Examiner's restriction requirement. Applicant therefore requests the Examiner to consider the elected claims so that the present Application may issue in a timely manner. If there are any questions concerning this amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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